

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners met today for a Commissioners' Meeting.

Present at today's meeting were: **Joshua G. Parsons, Chairman**
 Ray D'Agostino, Vice-Chairman
 Craig E. Lehman
 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Lawrence M. George
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF CLERK

Tammy Moyer
DEPUTY CHIEF CLERK

Jacqueline Pfursich, Esquire
COUNTY SOLICITOR

Also present were:

Heather Chalfant, Senior Buyer
PURCHASING

Violet DeStefano, Health and Medical Preparedness Coordinator
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Todd Kirkpatrick, Director
PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER

Matt Knepper, Director
AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE BOARD

Todd Rhoads, Regional Vice President
ENGLE-HAMBRIGHT & DAVIES

Jeff Swinehart, President & CEO
LANCASTER FARMLAND TRUST

Hilda Sierra-Marrero, Resident
LANCASTER CITY

Commissioner D'Agostino called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner D'Agostino announced approval of the January 12, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner D'Agostino; it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of the Commissioners' Office, to approve the following:

<u>Agreement with:</u>	Engle-Hambright & Davies, Inc. Lancaster, PA
<u>Purpose:</u>	Annual insurance policy for Lancaster County's commercial package.
<u>Amount/Term:</u>	\$209,179.25 November 17, 2021, through April 1, 2022

Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 8 OF 2022

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner D'Agostino;

WHEREAS, Through the *places2040*, the Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, Lancaster County has identified the importance of preserving agriculture and agricultural land in Lancaster County; and

WHEREAS, Through policy and programs, the Board of County Commissioners has made a commitment to a balanced and cooperative approach to farmland preservation in Lancaster County; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners commits the following funding to the Lancaster County Agricultural Preserve Board and Lancaster Farmland Trust to implement the recommendations of *places2040*, the Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, to permanently preserve agricultural land in areas planned for agriculture.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, That the County of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, appropriate agricultural conservation easement purchase funds for Fiscal Year 2022 in the amount of \$1,783,355.55, which is inclusive of \$1,500,000 of new County funds, \$155,979.55 of Clean & Green rollback tax interest as required by Act 156 of 1998, \$14,376.00 of other County Funds reserved exclusively for easement purchase, and \$113,000.00 of local government funds used for the acquisition of agricultural conservation easements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the above funding is available as of January 1, 2022, and that such funds have been collected or received by Lancaster County and placed in a restricted account, or are reserved exclusively for the purchase of easements, and that any of these funds not expended by December 31, 2023 will be available for use in subsequent fiscal periods for the same purpose; as required by the Act of June 30, 1981 (P.L. 128, No. 43), known as the Agricultural Area Security Law, as amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That said funds will be used for the purpose of providing matching funds for the purchase of agricultural conservation easements pursuant to the authority contained in the Act of June 30, 1981 (P.L. 128, No. 43), known as the Agricultural Area Security Law, as amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That \$60,000.00 of Clean & Green rollback tax interest will be used to monitor and enforce agricultural conservation easements, including the payment of legal costs associated with defending agricultural conservation easements, as permitted by Act 46 of 2006.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That \$250,000.00 from the Marcellus Shale Legacy Fund established by Act 13 of 2012 will be used for 50% matching challenge grant is hereby awarded to Lancaster Farmland Trust to permanently preserve farmland in areas consistent with *places2040*, the Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Knepper said this Resolution will fund Lancaster County's Farmland Preservation Program for 2022 and will allow them to match local dollars with state dollars through the Department of Agriculture and Bureau of Farmland Preservation. Ultimately, leveraging state and local funds will allow the County to preserve farmland for about \$800 an acre, which allows the County to maintain its national leading farmland preservation program.

Mr. Swinehart said he appreciates the investment the County and its boards of Commissioners have made into farmland preservation. He said there is a lot of collaboration that happens between the Ag Preserve Board and the Farmland Trust. Last year, they preserved about 10 farms under 804 acres. All those preserved properties required a conservation plan to be in place. The County has invested over \$9 million into the program for the Challenge grants.

Commissioner Parsons said the way the County gets to be a national leader in preserving farmland is to continue over a long period of time steady, continuous contributions. He thinks people have become more aware of the importance of where their food comes from in the supply chain and being able to have local sources for food. He said the future of agriculture in the County looks bright thanks to the farmland preservation organizations.

Commissioner D'Agostino said organizations like the Farmland Trust and Ag Preserve Board are vital to the future of agriculture in Lancaster County.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner D'Agostino, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of the Public Safety Training Center, to approve the following:

- Agreement with:** Environment Hazards Control (E.H.C)
Lancaster, PA
- Purpose:** To provide quarterly lead dust decontamination at the range.
- Amount:** \$32,576.00 annually.
\$1,040.00 hazardous waste disposal fee for additional drums.
- Term:** January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner D'Agostino, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of the Public Safety Training Center, to approve the following:

- Agreement with:** Safeware, Inc.
Lanham, MD
- Purpose:** To perform maintenance services on the Kidde Live Fire Training System in use at the firing range.

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Amount: \$188,070.00.

Term: January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2026.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner D'Agostino, the following appointments were made to the Lancaster County Health Advisory Council for one and two-year terms from January 18, 2022, through December 31, 2022 and December 2023. To be determined after discussion.

Dr. Michael Ripchinski, Dr. David Gasperack, Dr. Scott Snyder and Deborah Willwerth were appointed to two-year terms and Michael Bromirski, Dianne Garber, Dolores Reidenbach, Dr. Suzanne Scott and Loren Miller were appointed to one-year terms.

Mr. Bromirski, superintendent of Hempfield School District; Ms. Garber, emergency services coordinator and municipal emergency management coordinator for East Hempfield Township and East Petersburg Borough; Dr. Gasperack, vice president and regional medical director for Wellspan Health, responsible for Lancaster and Lebanon counties; Mr. Miller, Elizabeth Township administrator and who is dedicated to serving as a representative of small boroughs and rural townships; Ms. Reidenbach, Registered Nurse and founder of Jewel David Ministries Inc. of Elizabethtown, a non-profit that provides counseling services to underinsured and uninsured members of the community; Dr. Ripchinski, chief clinical officer at LGH and a practicing physician in Quarryville; Dr. Scott, a licensed physician with Penn State Health; Dr. Snyder, a board certified family physician and medical director for Penn State Health's Lancaster Region; and Ms. Willwerth, president of UMPC Lititz and a licensed registered nurse.

Commissioner Parsons said with the creation of this advisory council, he wanted to formalize what the County was doing throughout the pandemic. He said the council is well represented from the four health systems and municipalities.

Commissioner D'Agostino said he is impressed with the fact that 30 people wanted to be a part of this group by stepping forward.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner D'Agostino, the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,



Lynn Commero, Administrative Secretary
Commissioners' Office